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INDIAN GRASSLAND AND FODDER RESEARCH INSTITUTES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of locations and functioning of the Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institutes (IGFRIs) of ICAR in the country at present;

(b) the expenditure incurred on these IGFRIs during 2002-03;

(c) whether the contribution of this institute do not commensurate with the investment made; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to review the functioning of IGFRI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The Indian Grassland & Fodder Research Institute is located near Pahuj Dam, Gwalior Road, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. The Institute is mandated to carry out research at the national level of both fundamental and applied nature on all the aspects of fodder production and utilization including grasslands. The institute has three regional stations located at Avikanagar (Rajasthan), Dharwad (Karnataka) and Palampur (Himachal Pradesh) for conducting research in various agroclimatic regions of the country.

b) The expenditure incurred by IGFRI during 2002-03 is as follows.

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Plan    Rs. 200.00 lakhs
Non-Plan  Rs. 1000.00 lakhs.
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c) No, Sir. The contribution made by the Institute is commensurate with the expenditure made.

d) The functioning of the Institute is reviewed periodically by the Quinquennial Review Team (QRT).The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has already constituted QRT team for reviewing the functioning of the Institute for the period 1996-2002. The Research Advisory Committee, the Scientist Research Council as well as Institute Management Committee also reviews various functions of the Institute regularly.